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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1st July 2019 (received into our office 2nd July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Sterile Services.

On 2nd July 2019 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on question 1, what did you mean by a surgical admission, did you mean admissions that actually have a procedure undertaken or patients admitted under a surgical specialty?

On 3rd July 2019 you replied via email the following:
'Thanks for your response. We want to know the number of surgical admissions which actually have a procedure undertaken. Sorry for the misunderstanding.'

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNMS) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 The requested information is for years 2012/13-2017/18 on the following questions:

How many surgical admissions occur each year?

A1 Please see below: note your clarification-*"We want to know the number of surgical admissions which actually have a procedure undertaken"*. Therefore the following information shows the number of admissions where there is OPCS clinical coding added to the record. We have taken the assumption these are "surgical admissions" as per clarification.

2012/2013	121911
2013/2014	130480
2014/2015	134680
2015/2016	138035
2016/2017	143147
2017/2018	145899

Q2 What is the average number of trays per operation?

A2 Information not held

Q3 What machines are required to reprocess surgical trays? How many?

A3 Please see below:

- Trolley Washers x 1
- Ultrasonic Tanks x 3
- Washer Disinfectors x 13
- Steam Sterilisers x 8
- Heat sealers x 5
- Gas Plasma Sterilisers x 2
- Endoscopic washer disinfectors x 2

Q4 How many operations are cancelled each year due to inadequate decontamination/sterilization?

A4 Information not held

Q5 How many hospital-acquired infections occur each year due to inadequate decontamination/sterilization?

A5 None

Q6 How much does inadequate decontamination/sterilization cost each year?

A6 Not applicable

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

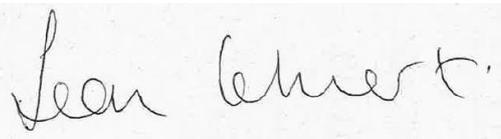
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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